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Music in the Library's American Folklife Center Will Be Highlighted in 1989 Radio Series

Charles Todd records old English ballads, sung by Oklahoma migrant workers, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Pipkin, on machine supplied by Library of Congress. Farm Security Administration camp, Shafter, Calif., 1940. (Photo: Robert Hemmig)

The Library of Congress, in cooperation with Radio America and Washington, D.C.-based radio station WAMU–FM, is developing a new series of radio programs highlighting the music collections of the American Folklife Center of the Library of Congress.

"The Homegrown Music Hour," a weekly 60-minute program, featuring collections of the Library of Congress' American Folklife Center, is being designed for broadcast and will be available nationwide to radio stations offering the best in traditional American folk sounds.

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Dick Spottswood, Washington, D.C., radio personality and host of his own traditional music program on WAMU, will present and narrate "The Homegrown Music Hour."

During the first half of this century the Library of Congress supported the tireless efforts of skilled field researchers who traveled the backroads of America to capture the music of the mountains, railroads, prisons, and prairies before they were lost from the collective national memory. More than 30,000 hours of recordings are available at the Library of Congress, ranging from field recordings collected by the early Archive of Folk Culture directors—Robert W. Gordon, John A. Lomax, and Alan Lomax—particularly in Appalachia and the South, to comprehensive team surveys conducted in the last decade by the American Folklife Center.

Mr. Spottswood will offer congenial, informed, and entertaining commentary as he highlights a different aspect of America's musical traditions—from Cajun music to old-time dance tunes, from sea shanties to Negro spirituals, and from work songs to protest songs. "The Homegrown Music Hour" will testify to the diversity of American life and celebrate the vitality and creativity of the American people.

Radio America is a Washington, D.C.-based public affairs and features production service that produces radio and video programs on American history, art, and foreign and public affairs. It has recently been the recipient of grants from the National Endowment for the Humanities and the Commission on the Bicentennial of the U.S. Constitution for projects associated with its Bicentennial productions.

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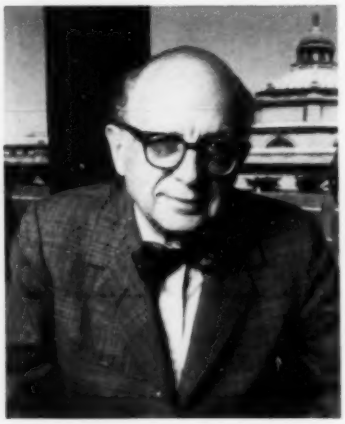
Daniel J. Boorstin To Be Honored by Phi Beta Kappa



Phi Beta Kappa, the national honor society for scholastic achievement, will present its Award for Distinguished Service to the Humanities to Librarian of Congress Emeritus Daniel J. Boorstin on October 29.

The award, for lifetime contributions to the humanities, will be made at the meeting of the 35th Triennial Council of the United Chapters of Phi Beta Kappa, held at the Hotel Hilton Palacio del Rio in San Antonio, Texas.

Dr. Boorstin, Librarian of Congress between 1975 and 1987, is a graduate of Harvard University, a Rhodes Scholar, and a renowned author of books on American History. Among his major publications are: *The Genius of American Politics* (1953); *The Americans: The Colonial Experience* (1958); *America and the Image of Europe* (1960); *The Image, or What Happened to the American Dream* (1962); *The Americans: The National Experience* (1965); *The Landmark History of the American People* (two volumes, 1968, 1970); *The Decline of Radicalism* (1969); *The Sociology of the Absurd* (1970); *The Democratic Experience* (1973); *Democracy and Its Discontents* (1974); *The Exploring Spirit* (1976); *The Republic of Technology* (1978); and *The Discoverers* (1983). For his trilogy, *The Americans*, Dr. Boorstin received the Bancroft, Dexter, Francis Parkman, and Pulitzer prizes.

Reminder: Library Phone Numbers Change on October 21

The Library of Congress will have new telephone numbers as of October 21. On that date the prefix numbers will change, from the old 287- to the new 707-. The remainder of the dialing numbers will remain the same. For example, the number for telephone information at the Library will change from (202) 287-5000 to become (202) 707-5000.

One exception to these changes is the Library's Federal Research Division located at the Navy Yard Annex. Its numbers have changed entirely. Call (202) 245-5200 for assistance.

Library Publishes Lectures On Oxford Dictionary

The Oxford English Dictionary and the State of the Language, a booklet containing three lectures sponsored by the Center for the Book in

the Library of Congress and the Oxford University Press, has been published by the Library.

Two of the papers are by Robert W. Burchfield, who was chief editor of the Oxford English Dictionaries when the talks were presented at the Library of Congress on May 28–29, 1986. Mr. Burchfield's contributions are titled "*The Oxford English Dictionary*, and the State of the Language" and "Editing a Supplement to the OED, 1957–1986." The third paper, "The Original Plan for the OED and Its Background," is by Hans Aarsleff, professor of English at Princeton University.

The Oxford English Dictionary and the State of the Language, a 56-page booklet, was designed by John Michael of Rockville, Md., and printed on acid-free paper by Garamond/Pridemark Press, Inc., of Baltimore, Md. Copies are available for $3.95 each, plus $2 per order for shipping and handling, from: Publishing Office, Box J, Library of Congress, Washington, DC 20540.

Library Publications Cited as Outstanding

The Notable Documents Panel of an American Library Association group selected five Library of Congress publications for inclusion in its annual list of the 20 most outstanding publications by the Federal government.

The panel, part of the Government Documents Round Table, chose *Multiple Meanings: The Written Word in Japan—Past, Present, and Future*, edited by J. Thomas Rimer; *Slavery in the Courtroom: An Annotated Bibliography of American Cases*, by Paul Finkelman; *The Tradition of Science: Landmarks of Western Science in the Collections of the Library of Congress*, by Leonard C., Bruno; *Congressional Research Service Review*; and *Fundamentals of Nuclear Arms Control*, Congressional Research Service.

Publications were selected from items published by the Federal government appearing between 1985 and 1987. Criteria for selection included: contribution to the expansion of knowledge, creative approach, lucid style of writing, bibliographic or reference usefulness, relevance for intended readers, and physical appearance (such as typography, design, paper, quality of illustrations, printing, and binding).

The list of distinguished government documents appeared in *Library Journal* (May 15, p. 42).

Strength of Library's Scientific Holdings Confirmed by RLG Study

The Library of Congress has the strongest collection of books and journals in chemistry among 21 major research libraries according to a Research Libraries Group (RLG) collection verification study. The Library's genetics collection ranked eighth among 18 RLG libraries that surveyed their collections.

To evaluate their chemistry collections, participating libraries checked their holdings against a list of 365 books and journals. Emphasis was on current primary journals since chemistry is largely dependent on journal literature. The Library of Congress held 352, or 96 percent, of the listed titles.

Joseph W. Price, chief of the Science and Technology Division, attributes the Library's high marks on this particular title search to several factors—the Library's vigorous recommending officers, copyright deposit requirement, the Cataloging in Publication program, and extensive exchange agreements. "Chemistry occupies a central and growing position in the processes that are critical to our technological society," said Mr. Price, "and the Library of Congress must fully exert itself to cover all its applications and subdivisions."

The library's holdings of materials in the field of genetics are consistent with the division of collecting responsibilities among the Library of Congress, the National Library of Medicine, and the National Agriculture Library. The Library of Congress held 80 percent of the 633 titles in the study (82 percent of monographs, 79 percent of journals).

Although the Library of Congress is not an official member of RLG, it has cooperated with that organization in the completion of various parts of the conspectus and verification studies. The conspectus, based on the LC classification schedule, surveys a library's holdings by subject and incorporates participants' evaluation of their own collection and current acquisitions practices. The verification studies measure the validity of the information reported to the conspectus by measurement of a library's holdings against a standard list of titles.

The Library has now completed nine verification studies. In five areas the Library reported the largest percentage of items held by the participating libraries—chemistry, Russian history and literature, renaissance and baroque art, Swiss history, and French literature.

For additional information, contact the Collections Development Office, Library of Congress, Washington, DC 20540.

MIT Joins CONSER Program

The CONSER (Cooperative Online Serials Cataloging) Program continues to expand with the acceptance of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) as a full member, bringing to 23 the number of participants in the program. The Library of Congress, as a founding member and center of responsibility, provides technical and administrative

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Library Publishes Cataloging Tool for Film and Video

The first national standard for adding moving image genre and form terms to MARC records is described in *Moving Image Materials: Genre Terms* recently published by the Cataloging Distribution Service of the Library of Congress.

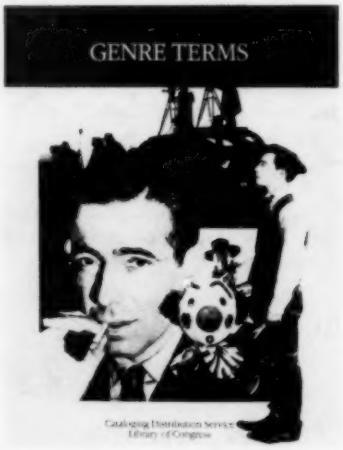
Developed by the National Moving Image Database Standards Committee of the National Center for Film and Video Preservation in Los Angeles under the auspices of the Motion Picture, Broadcasting and Recorded Sound Division of the Library, this new thesaurus may be used by catalogers creating moving image material records to provide genre and form term access to their film and video collections.

Catalogers will find the publication a helpful addition to other cataloging guides such as *Library of Congress Subject Headings; Anglo-American Cataloguing Rules,* 2nd edition, and the interpretative manual for moving image bibliographic description—*Archival Moving Image Materials: A Cataloging Manual.*

Used in conjunction with subject headings, *Moving Image Materials: Genre Terms* provides specialized subject access, which is particularly important for users of moving image collections, according to Harriet Harrison, head, Processing Section, Motion Picture, Broadcasting, and Recorded Sound Division. "By encouraging uniform cataloging, *Genre Terms* takes us a step closer in this country to a system of centralized information about the holdings of media archives and producers," she said.

Moving Image Materials: Genre Terms costs $20. *Archival Moving Image Materials: A Cataloging Manual* costs $15.

Both publications may be ordered from the Library of Congress, Customer Services Section, Cataloging Distribution Service, Washington, DC 20541; telephone: (202) 287-6100.



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support for the CONSER Program. CONSER members at the full level authenticate their own records, create authority records for name headings, and contribute to the management and technical development of CONSER through participation in the CONSER Policy and Operations Committees.

A primary objective of the CONSER Program is to build a comprehensive database of serials covering all subjects and languages for both current and retrospective titles. With strong collections in science, engineering, architecture, naval sciences, and oceanography, MIT will enhance the CONSER database in areas that are now less than fully covered.

Because of MIT's concentration on science and technology, a large percentage of its collection consists of serials. MIT holds more than 125,000 serial titles, 21,200 of which are currently received. Older titles are being input to OCLC through an ongoing program of retrospective cataloging and conversion.

Located in Cambridge, Mass., MIT joins Harvard University and the Boston Theological Institute to become the third Boston-area library to become a CONSER participant. MIT is also a member of the Association of Research Libraries, the Boston Library Consortium, and NELINET (New England Library Information Network).

Carol J. Fleishauer, associate director for collections management and technical services, is the representative to the CONSER Policy Committee. Helen Ploss, associate head for serials cataloging, represents MIT on the CONSER Operations Committee.

For further information on the CONSER Program, contact Linda Bartley, CONSER Operations Coordinator, Serial Record Division, Library of Congress, Washington, DC 20540.

AMERICAN TREASURY

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This week's question, drawn from the CBS News "American Treasury" series, broadcast each weekday at 3:57 p.m. (EDT) on the CBS Television Network, is:

What is the largest and heaviest mammal?

The answer to last week's question is:

"Apache" is a Zuni word meaning "enemy." "Mohawk" means "man-eater" in Algonquin, while "Iroquois" is the French version of the Algonquin word meaning "rattlesnake."

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Library Health Services and CFC Respond to AIDS

This is the story of one Library of Congress employee's courage and desire to continue on the job while he faces a life-threatening illness. It is the story of how Library of Congress nurse practitioner Karen Pataky made a difference in his life through her support and guidance.

And further, it is the story of a growing network of health and social service organizations in the Washington area that help persons who have AIDS (Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome). These organizations are among the nearly 800 charities supported by the Combined Federal Campaign (CFC), the single charity fundraising drive for Federal employees. Designated contributions from Library of Congress employees will provide for AIDS diagnosis, research, counseling, education, treatment, referral, and other valuable services. (See following article on p. 419.)

David's Story

When David, a Library of Congress employee, discovered he had AIDS in 1986, the Library had no official AIDS policy.

David was concerned about how his supervisors and colleagues would react to his illness. He was worried, too, that periods of disability would force him to miss work and threaten his job security.

"It was one thing dealing with the medical problems, but the emotional stress and fear of sudden changes in work status and in other areas of my life were also difficult, especially in the early stages," David said.

According to David, the stigma attached to AIDS—and the hysteria bred by false notions of how the disease is spread—is the most "deadly" part of the illness when a person is first diagnosed.

Fortunately for David (and other Library employees with AIDS), the Library took—in his words—an "enlightened and exemplary" approach in dealing with the disease. The Library treats him no differently from other employees with serious medical conditions. He has been allowed to cut his work schedule and take medicine and rest whenever necessary.

David's supervisors and coworkers responded supportively. One colleague commented, "Division managers were sensitive to David's needs, enabling us to retain his valuable professional services while providing him the flexibility he needed. On a personal level, we owe David our deep thanks for what he has taught us of courage, strength, and our shared humanity."

Rusty Lynn, director of AIDS services at Whitman-Walker Clinic, stands outside the clinic, a CFC beneficiary that has helped Library employees.

Library of Congress AIDS Policy

Under the Library policy officially adopted this July, staff members infected with the Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV) that causes AIDS are entitled to the same range of services that any seriously ill person can receive. The policy states that employees with AIDS can stay on the job "as long as they are able to maintain acceptable performance and do not pose a safety or health threat to themselves or others in the workplace."

The Library has given David the flexibility to work as long as he can. "I'm not able to go full tilt, but I'm also not ready to throw in the towel," he said. He noted that his job gives him "professional satisfaction and structure" and his friends at the Library provide "a strong nucleus of support" that makes him want to continue to work.

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The Library's AIDS policy further provides for measures to educate Library staff members about AIDS and to deal sensibly with AIDS-related problems in the workplace. According to David, the Library's AIDS policy "could easily serve as a model for all Federal agencies in dealing with AIDS. The remarkable thing is that the Library was already following that policy years before the Office of Personnel Management issued guidelines."

Library Health Services Respond

The Library of Congress Health Services office has developed programs—including health forums, seminars, support groups, and other outreach efforts—to educate Library employees about the facts and myths surrounding AIDS.

"We want to reassure people that there are no real dangers at work," said nurse practitioner Karen Pataky. "You cannot get AIDS from using drinking fountains, rest rooms, cafeterias, telephones, or other facilities in the workplace. AIDS can be acquired only by exposure to blood products, through intimate sexual contact, blood transfusions, or the sharing of intravenous drugs," she said.

She noted that persons with AIDS are at risk from colds, flu, and other contagious illnesses carried by their co-workers. But employees are in no danger of getting AIDS from infected co-workers.

It was as a result of a Library of Congress effort to educate staff about the AIDS virus that David first met Ms. Pataky.

"I had just been diagnosed, and a friend attending one of the Library's 'Worried Well' support groups told me there was an AIDS expert in the Library," David said. (The support groups, conducted in 1986 and 1987, were designed to help non-infected employees develop skills to cope and deal with a close friend or co-worker with a diagnosis of AIDS or AIDS-Related Complex.)

Karen Pataky, R.N.

"Karen has in-depth knowledge of the medical aspects of the disease and many years' experience in counseling people on the personal issues surrounding AIDS," said David. Last year, Ms. Pataky spent 50 hours per month as the coordinator of some 30 support groups for people with AIDS and their loved ones under the auspices of the Whitman-Walker Clinic. She now volunteers 25 hours per month as a leader of one of those groups.

David credits Ms. Pataky, supervisor Valerie B. Ellis, and Dr. Sandra M. Charles, Library of Congress health services officer, with being the driving forces behind the Library's numerous AIDS education initiatives and the full implementation of the AIDS policy.

CFC Funds for AIDS Services

"People with AIDS want to be dealt with as people. Just to acknowledge that it's nice to see me is the best way friends can show they care," said David.

Another way, he noted, is to support organizations that reduce the hardships for those who have the disease and that encourage research.

David attends a weekly support group sponsored by the Whitman-Walker Clinic, a CFC-funded agency that directly serves 650 clients with AIDS and AIDS-Related Complex and helps thousands of others through counseling, testing, and educational outreach.

The clinic provides legal advice, housing, home health-care assistance, home companions, support groups, counseling, and medical and dental work. It also offers free AIDS testing and helps patients buy AZT, the drug approved by the Food and Drug Administration that can cost patients as much as $1,000 a month. The clinic has trained more than 1,000 volunteers.

Whitman-Walker operates on a $2.5 million budget, and it receives substantial support from the Combined Federal Campaign. Last year, the clinic received $373,238 in direct CFC contributions for the AIDS program, according to David Hill, development associate for the clinic.

"Many people don't realize that they know people with AIDS," David said. "And when a friend or colleague or family member is diagnosed, many don't know how to cope or where to turn. But Whitman-Walker is there for anyone who needs help. The clinic stands on the front line with those of us battling AIDS, and provides services and support that might not be available elsewhere."

"I'm fortunate," David says. "While some people with AIDS lose their jobs and friends, I've been able to keep mine. I have a job that helps me feel good about myself and my

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situation. I have many friends and colleagues who have stood by me. Still, it feels good to know that there is a Whitman-Walker Clinic around if I need help."

—Sheppard Ranbom

CFC-Funded Agencies Help AIDS Patients

Along with the Whitman-Walker Clinic, several other health and social service organizations funded by the Combined Federal Campaign (CFC) in the Washington, D.C., area have developed programs to help deal with AIDS (Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome). These organizations include:

☐ *Children's Hospital National Medical Center.* The Special Immunology Team offers comprehensive medical and nursing care as well as consultative services for 99 children who have AIDS. Social workers provide case management, direct referrals, and emotional support. Hospital staff is also available to provide educational programs to interested groups as well as potential foster parents. Brochures and materials developed for children and parents are available upon request.

☐ *The Visiting Nurses Association (VNA).* The association sends 80 nurses from six branch offices in the Washington, D.C., area to homes to provide daily care and home health-aid service for AIDS victims and other individuals too ill to go to work on a regular basis.

The VNA operates on an $11 million budget, with funds from reimbursment from patients, Medicare, Medicaid, the United Way, and third-party insurers. Some $707,000 of operating expenses comes from the United Way, according to Crystal M. Groth, the VNA's Nursing Service line manager.

"Charitable contributions allow the VNA to provide care on a sliding scale for those lacking adequate insurance coverage," Ms. Groth said. They also pay for continuing staff development in treating AIDS and for the development of brochures and information on AIDS and the psychological and social problems that accompany the illness, she added.

☐ *Planned Parenthood.* The organization's Resource Center prepares educational material on the spread and dangers of AIDS. It has recently produced several films on AIDS prevention targeted at both adolescents and adults, according to coordinator Phyllis Forrest. With the help of a grant from CFC, Planned Parenthood is about to launch a Clearinghouse for AIDS Education in the Washington, D.C., area, which will include a newsletter and information on area-wide programs for AIDS educators.

☐ *The St. Francis Center (SFC).* Since 1983, SFC has been active in counseling persons with AIDS and their families and in training volunteers and professionals—such as health-care and mental-health professionals, Whitman-Walker buddies, group leaders, and others who work with AIDS clients. SFC services are available at sliding-scale rates and, under certain conditions, on a pro bono basis.

Volunteers Needed For WETA Fundraiser

The Library of Congress Professional Association is organizing volunteers to answer phones at WETA's fundraiser on Friday, December 9. Volunteers are asked to bring food and stay from approximately 7:30 p.m. to midnight. To volunteer, call Beth Traczewski, ext. 78080.

Staff Activities

Louis Fisher, specialist in the Government Division of the Congressional Research Service, participated in four recent conferences on constitutional issues. On September 16, at the State Department, he spoke on the scope of judicial review and the power of the Supreme Court to determine the meaning of the Constitution. He spoke on judicial doctrines concerning national power and implied powers on September 19, again at the State Department. On September 20, at the Department of Agriculture, his talk was on the question of whether the Supreme Court has the last word on constitutional law. He presented a paper on why Congress passed the war powers resolution, at the law school of the University of Virginia on September 23.

Mary Berghaus Levering, chief of the Network Division, National Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped, presented a speech at the Special Libraries Section of the Tennessee Library Association Annual Meeting in Nashville, Tenn., on April 22. Mrs. Levering's speech, "Talking Books and Library Service for Seniors," described the special services, equipment, and publications developed by the National Library Service to serve the growing numbers of seniors eligible for talking book service.

Staff Carpool Locator

Rider seeks established van/carpool from Bailey's Crossroads area on 8 a.m.–4:30 p.m. or 8:30 a.m.–5 p.m. flexitime schedule. Call Barry, ext. 72681.

Meetings and Events Around the Library

Sunday, October 30

☐ Founder's Day Concert, Bach Ensemble directed by Joshua Rifkin, with Julianne Baird, soprano. Coolidge Auditorium, 8 p.m.

Friday, November 4

☐ Symposium: "Father Felix Varela: Cuban Philosopher, Patriot, Priest." Mumford Room, 1:30–6 p.m. Free; no tickets required.

☐ Daniel Heifetz, violin, and Jonathan Feldman, piano. Coolidge Auditorium, 8 p.m.

Sunday, November 6

Three poets read in memory of Marie Bullock (1911–1986), founder of the Academy of American Poets—Amy Clampitt, May Swenson, and Mona Van Duyn. Coolidge Auditorium, 3 p.m. Free; no tickets required.

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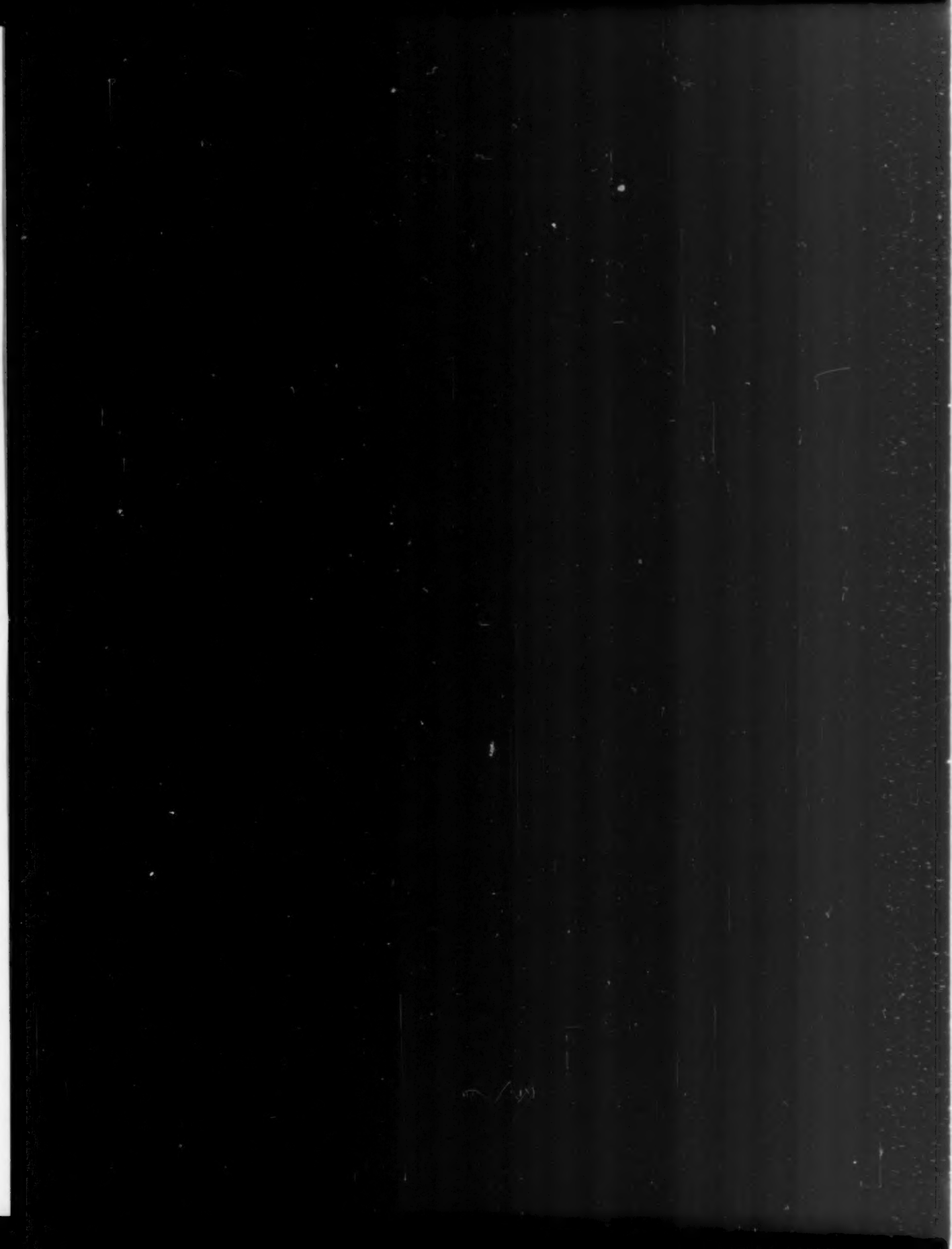
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